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Two die in fatal crash blamed on slick roads

A Lynn couple was killed yesterday after they lost control of their car on Route 495 in Andover after sliding on the icy roadway, State Police said. The man, who was driving, was transported to Tewksbury State Hospital, and the woman was transported to Lawrence General Hospital. Both were pronounced dead on arrival, police said. They died of multiple head trauma. The couple's names were not released last night pending notification of their family members. The accident occurred at about 1:40 p.m. as the vehicle was coming off Route 93 south and onto Route 495 north. The vehicle, a 1991 Ford Escort, slid on the ice, went into a spin and crossed over into another lane where it was struck by another vehicle, police said. The Escort front-ended the second vehicle, a tractor-trailer, and pushed it into the median's guardrail, where it came to rest in the high speed lane, police said. The driver of the tractor-trailer not injured.

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TOKYO - Two powerful U.S. senators said yesterday that Washington will not accept a one-time inspection of North Korea's declared nuclear facilities but will demand access to suspect sites and even waste and disposal areas. Sens. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), both experts on the North Korean situation, cautioned against expectations of a breakthrough in a tense dispute over nuclear inspection. U.S. officials said last week that the North had agreed to allow inspections of seven declared nuclear sites, and that the United States would seek in future talks to obtain access to undeclared sites for experts of the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Independent counsel law eyed

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WASHINGTON -

Congress is expected to swiftly approve renewal of independent counsel investigations, reviving a law that could be used to probe President Clinton's Whitewater real estate venture, a Bay State congressman says. "It should be one of the first things up" after the House returns to session Jan. 25, said Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), a key sponsor of the independent counsel law.

He said the House bill "should be able to pass pretty easily" and quickly be reconciled with the Senate version approved 76-21 last in November.

Four feared dead in avalanche

LA SALLE-EN-BEAUMONT, France - Four people were feared dead after an avalanche of mud tore through a French Alpine village early yesterday, crushing eight houses and wrecking a church, rescue workers said. The wave of mud between 30 and 60 feet high devastated the small village of La Salle-en-Beaumont during the night after an irrigation canal above the hamlet overflowed.

Man shot 4 times in Dorchester

An unidentified man was in serious condition last night following a shooting in Dorchester, police said. Boston Police spokesman Jerry Vanderwood said the victim was shot four times in the stomach in near 91 Stoughton St. Police and emergency-medical personnel responded and the victim was transported to Boston City Hospital. Boston Police were on the scene interviewing witnesses and neighbors, Vanderwood said, but there were no suspects yet.

D.C. dumps bond adviser

The District of Columbia has dumped Lazard Freres as its bond advisor adviser in the wake of a burgeoning probe by federal prosecutors in Boston over possible conflict-of-interest charges on bond deals. Washington, D.C., Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly said Friday the city was dropping Lazard Freres as its investment advisor adviser "effective immediately." The move came after her administration received a subpoena from the Securities and Exchange Commission, a federal agency which oversees stock and bond firms. The FBI last month requested information about municipal bond offerings over the last past three years, O'Connor added. The U.S. attorney's office in Boston has already sent subpoenas to Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Oklahoma and scores of other state and municipal clients of the two securities firms.

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Stowaways found in in cargo ship

Three stowaways were discovered yesterday hiding in a 20-foot cargo container aboard a Panamanian ship which docked at the Moran Container Terminal in Charlestown. The Bulgarian men were discovered about 4:15 p.m. when they began banging on the side of the container for help, said Jim Harris, a supervisor for the Massachusetts Port Authority. Harris said it appeared the stowaways had slipped onto the ship in Felixstowe, England, and had been inside of the container for "20 days at a minimum." They seemed in good health and had apparently brought food with them for the duration of the trip. Harris said authorities from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service had been called to the terminal to investigate.

Four injured in nightclub brawl

Three men were arrested early yesterday following a bloody brawl at a Dorchester nightclub that left at least four people injured by a 24-inch billy club and broken bottles, police said. The fray broke out at Capprina's Lounge at 1210 Blue Hill Ave. at about 2:45 a.m., said Boston Police spokesman Jerry Vanderwood. The fight apparently started when a male patron tried to put his arm around a waitress, whose face and hand were immediately slashed by another woman. Also injured were two male patrons, who were beaten with the club, and a fourth woman who suffered abrasions to the face and a cut hand, Vanderwood said. Arrested at the scene were the manager, Alfred Johnson, who had refused to call for an ambulance or police, and two employees, police said. All three were charged with assault and battery with a dangerous, police said.

DES women awarded \$42.3M

A jury in New York has awarded \$42.3 million to 11 women who suffered cancer and reproductive problems resulting from their mothers' taking DES during pregnancy. "It's a great victory for the women's health movement," said Sybil Shainwald, the lawyer who filed the lawsuits against three small drug companies. DES, or diethylstilbestrol, is a synthetic hormone manufactured by an estimated 300 drug companies and prescribed to 5 million pregnant women between 1947 and 1971 in an effort to reduce miscarriages. After doctors reported a link between mothers who took DES and rare clear-cell cervical and vaginal

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cancers in their daughters, the Food and Drug Administration barred pregnant women from using the drug in 1971. Some 50 acres of sodden clay were swept down in a landslide 650 yards long and 330 yards wide.

TV's 'Morty' the moose dies
PULLMAN, Wash. - Morty, the moose that ambles through the opening credits of "Northern Exposure," died of an illness linked to a mineral deficiency. The 1,000-pound moose, brought from Alaska as an orphan yearling five years ago, was a subject of behavior and nutrition studies at Washington State University.

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